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# **What Next? Climate Adaptation After Paris**

**Adaptation Community Meeting  
Woodrow Wilson Center**

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*“That’s what we seek in these next two weeks. Not simply an agreement to roll back the pollution we put into our skies, but an agreement that helps us lift people from poverty without condemning the next generation to a planet that’s beyond its capacity to repair.”*

-- President Barack Obama, COP 21,  
November 30, Paris



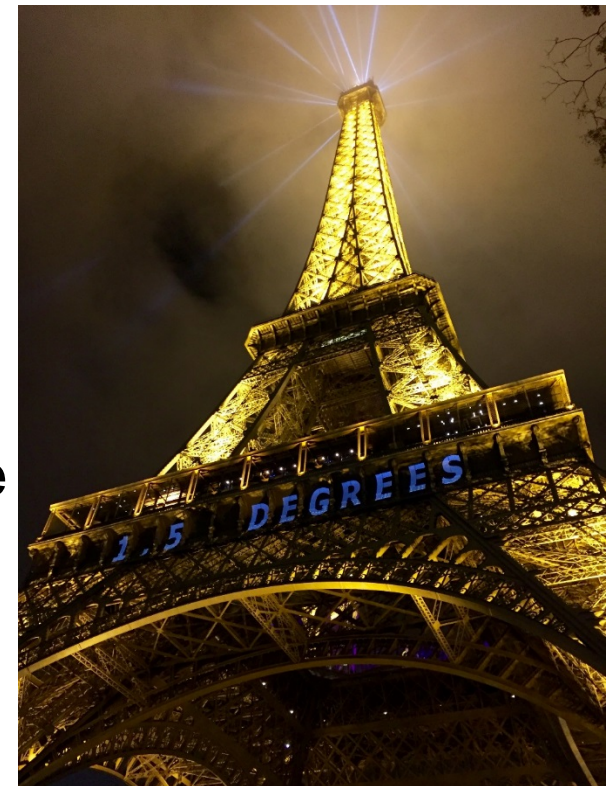
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# Key Adaptation Outcomes

- Goal of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience, and reducing vulnerability
- Global stocktake to review progress toward goal
- Requires all Parties to undertake adaptation planning and action.
- Encourages all Parties to communicate about their adaptation needs and priorities



# COP21 and Adaptation

**Each Party shall**, as appropriate, engage in adaptation planning processes and the implementation of actions, including the development or enhancement of relevant plans, policies and/or contributions, which may include:

- a) The implementation of adaptation actions...
- b) The process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;**
- c) The assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability...
- d) Monitoring and evaluating and learning from adaptation plans, policies, programmes and actions; and
- e) Building the resilience of socioeconomic and ecological systems, including through economic diversification and sustainable management of natural resources.

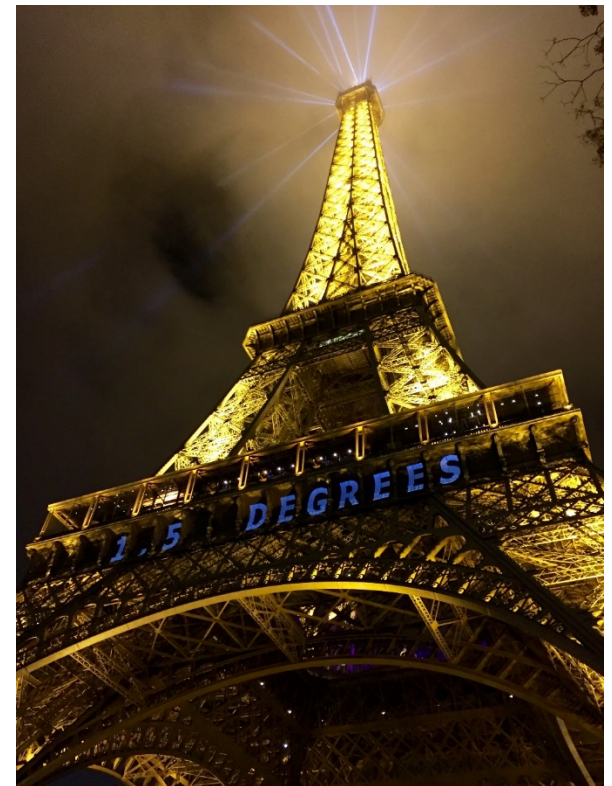


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# COP 21 and adaptation

Other notable outcomes related to adaptation:

- Calls on donors to provide info on efforts to integrate climate resilience considerations in development assistance
- Highlights areas for improved cooperation on adaptation
- Continues the commitment by developed countries to mobilize \$100 billion / year through 2025.
- Encourages other Parties to also provide support for mitigation and adaptation.
- Continues the Warsaw Mechanism on loss and damage



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# Areas for Assistance

## From the Agreement:

- The implementation of adaptation actions...
- The process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
- The assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability...
- Monitoring and evaluating and learning
- Sharing information, experiences and lessons learned . . .
- Strengthening institutional arrangements . . .
- Strengthening scientific knowledge. . . to inform climate services and support decision- making;



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# USAID's Role: Adaptation

- **Building capacity to plan and manage adaptation investment**
  - USAID supports adaptation programs in 41 countries
  - Supporting National Adaptation Plans in 20+ countries
  - Under the Resilience Executive Order, we are integrating climate risk management into USAID programs
  - USAID's Climate Resilient Development Framework modeled by UNFCCC, others
- **Providing access to climate data**
  - SERVIR, Climate Services programs improving quality and use of weather and climate information in decision making in over 50 countries
- **Mobilizing climate finance**
  - Develop, test and scale-up new approaches to mobilizing climate finance and to promote climate finance readiness





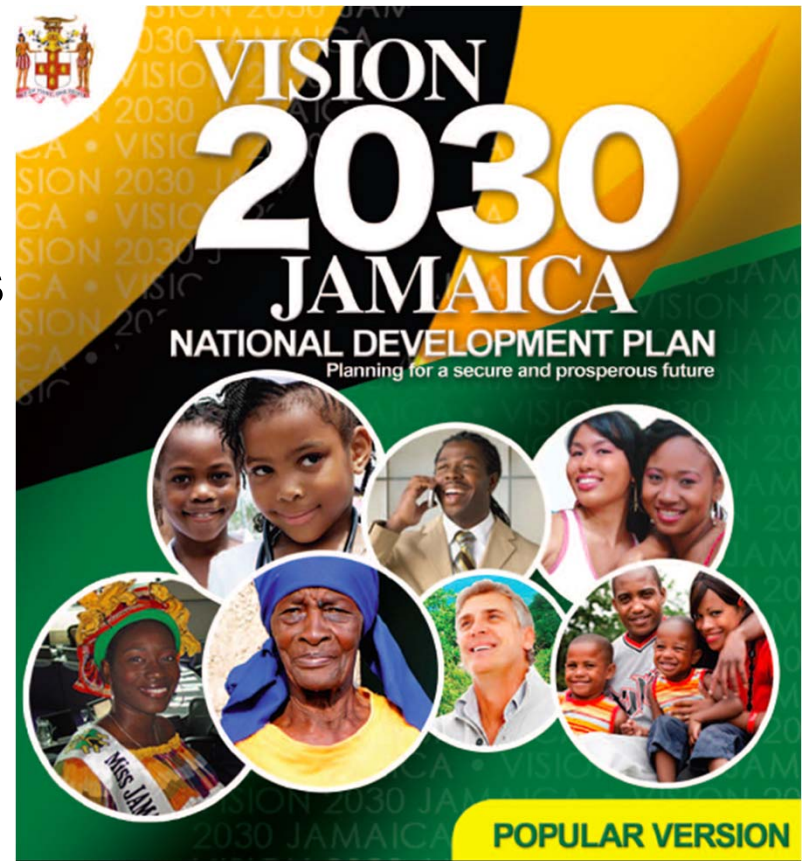
- **2010:** COP 16 established a **process** to enable least developed country parties to formulate and implement national adaptation plans.
- **2011:** COP 17 objectives of NAPs:
  - (a) **Reduce vulnerability** to the impacts of climate change, by building adaptive capacity and resilience.
  - (b) **Integrate** climate change adaptation...into relevant new and existing policies, programs and activities... development planning processes and strategies.





# The Potential of NAPs

- Give countries a leadership role in donor investments
- Extend responsibility beyond environment ministry
- Emphasize that the process itself is crucial and valuable
- Identify priorities and link domestic programs to donor programs
- Address climate risks in development plans, and promote development despite climate change
- Look at multiple timescales





# **NAP Global Network**

Coordinating  
Climate-Resilient  
Development





# Network Basics

- **Why?** Growing importance of NAP processes, greater need for:
  - Coordination
  - Technical discussions, learning
- **Established** in 2014 with support from Germany and the US
- **Secretariat** IISD
- **Participants** from 29 countries



# Aim & objectives

Enhance bilateral support for NAP processes and adaptation action in developing countries by...

- **Facilitating peer learning and exchange** on challenges and opportunities national adaptation planning and implementation
- **Improving coordination of adaptation-relevant bilateral support**, ensuring it aligns with developing country priorities
- **Supporting national-level action** on NAP development and implementation





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And, my fellow leaders,  
accepting this challenge will not  
reward us with moments of  
victory that are clear or  
quick. Our progress will be  
measured differently -- in the  
suffering that is averted, and a  
planet that's preserved.

- President Barack Obama, COP  
21, November 30, Paris



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# COP21 Outcomes

- **Ambition**

- Goal of limiting global temperature increase to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels with efforts to achieve 1.5°C
- Parties are required to submit new or revisited NDCs every 5 years. Each successive NDC should be more ambitious than the one before

- **Transparency**

- Global stocktaking and international review of progress on mitigation starting in 2018
- Parties to provide a national inventory at least every 2 years

- **Accountability**

- Legally binding agreement BUT not legally binding emissions/financial targets
- Requirement to report support provided by developed countries

